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## Any one who has a never failing stream that will fill an inch pipe and space enough for a poud one hun dred feet square can raise carp

enough for a small family. Indeed I have heard of one man who raised enough for his family in a trench three feet wide, three feet deep and eighty feet long In small ponds they must be fed. The larger the pond the less need of artificial food. A soft loamy or clay bottom for the fish to root in, is best, and it is best to be free from large quantities of decaying leaves which may give a mouldy taste to the fish If it has too much sand, the insects, upon which they feed will not be abundant.

The water need not be deeper than six or eight feet in the deepest place for a wintering place. Where the water is from one to two feet deep is good spawning or feeding ground. The very young fish like shallow water from one to six inches deep, because it is warmer and perhaps has more food for them.

The first thing to be done is to build a dam strong enough to resist the water pressure, and high enough to prevent a possible overflow. Clay is the best material to build it of, and be sure to have plenty of it. Make the base broad and gradually slope the sides till the top is two or there feet above the water and four to six feet wide. For a dam ten feet high the base ought to be twenty five or thirty feet, and the top six feet wide. If the foundation is sand, cut a ditch running with the length of the dam. It may be two feet wide and three feet deep unless the bottom strikes clay or rock before it reaches that depth. Fill this ditch with clay and pound it well. You are now ready to put in your outlet. The cheapest and most convenient is a box made of inch and a half plank, white or heart pine, ten oak inches broad. This will give an outlet ten inches high and seven inches wide, which will drain an acre tr more in a short time. One, ten or twelve inches square will drain any ordinary pond. For a dam twenty five feet at the base it will take three boxes ten feet long so as to have the ends free from the dam above and below. Join the boxes end to end and nail strips around the joints. It is necessary to have a screen and I have found it best to have it on the end in the pond. Saw off the cap or top plank of the box 2 feet or as much as is notcovered by the damand with a fine circular saw or a coarse hand saw rip it into strips about a quarter of an inch wide and not quite to the end of the piece, making the first and last cut one and a half inch from the edge. Tack a half inch peice on the end where the saw starts in with a small nail, or an inch and a half finishing brad, in each strip so as to steady the small strips.' Nail this screen back on the box and then a screen made in the same way on the end so as to close the box. It is best to have the gate at the lower end of the box out side of the dam The gate is a peice of plank eighteen inches or two feet high fitted into he box and sliding up and down between two slats on each side of the box. The cap plank may be sawed off a foot or two from the gate so as to till up the end of the box with mud or saw dust When this is done and the cap nailed back the water will press the saw dust &c, into every crack so that it will not leak a drop You are now ready to build your dam over the box and over the cross ditch in the middle of the foundation. If the dam is so situated as to borrow earth from both sides you can run a two horse wagon which will pack the earth as well as carry dirt faster than barrows and carts. The first four or five feet in height ought to be well packed. If heart pine or white oak plank, inch thick, can be had, it will be best to have the deep

The pond must be protected from floods. If the pond is near the head of the stream a ditch may be carried entirely around the pond. If some distance from the head of the stream a dam must be made above the head of the pond with a waste canal lead ing from it and either a pipe or some contrivance to admit only the natural flow of the stream or as much water only as may be needed. I bave invented and used for several years a box and automatic gate that shuts off and turns into the waste canal all floods and sand. With this self shutting gate, ponds may be made at any distance from the head of the stream.

If the bottom of the pond is hard or stiff clay it should be broken up well with a plow so as to give the fish a soft rooting ground. If the box onflet is used there should be another box or irongh to let the inflowing water pass out. Protect this with a screeu to keep the young fish from escaping. This escape should discharge into the waste canal or some other convenient place so as not endanger the dam by washing. There should also be a space lower than the main part of the dam so that if a flood by accident should break into the pond it could escape without running over the dam The best place for this escape is generally at the end of the dun next to the waste canal.

Crowfish often bore through and start a leak that breaks the dim. They can be stopped by spiling with plank, or if sand is convenient by covering the water face of the dam with a layer of it eight or ten inches thick. They can not bore into sand as it fills the hole as fast as made. Let the dam be strong, and the pond well protected from floods. This is insisted on, as thousands of

## BILL NYE.

MOUNTAINEER.

The following is the only exact copy of Bill Nye's official letter in which he resigned the Post Office at Laramie City, Wyoming: POST OFFICE DIVAN, LARAMIE CITY,

WYOMING, October 1, 1883. To the President of the U.S:

SIR: I beg leave at this time to officially tender my resignation as Postmaster at this place and in due form to deliver the great seal and the key to the front door of the office. The safe combination is set on the numbers 33, 66 and 99, though I do not remember at this moment which comes first, or how many times you

revolve the knob, or which direction you should turn it at first in order to make it operate.

There is some mining stock in my private drawer in the safe which I have not yet removed. This stock you may have. if you desire it. It is luxury, but you may have it. I have decided to keep a horse instead of this mining stock. The horse may not be so pretty, but it will cost less to keep him.

You will find the postal cards that ave not been used under the distrib uting table, and coal down in the cellar. If the stove draws too hard close the damper in the pipe, and shit the general delivery window. Looking over my stormy and event

administration as Postmaster here and abundant cause for thanksgiving. At the time I entered upon the duties of my office the department was not yet on a paying basis. It was not even self-sustaining. Since that time, with the active co-opera tion of the Chief Executive and the heads of the department. I have been able to make our postal system a paying one, and on top of that I am now able to reduce the tariff on average sized letters from three cents to two cents. I might add that this is rather too too, but I will not say anything that might seem undignifind in an official resignation which is to become a matter of history. Through all the vicissitudes of a tempestuous term of office I have safely passed. I am able to turn over the office to day in a highly im proved condition, and to present a purified and renovated institution to my successor. Acting under the advice of Gener al Hatton a year ago, I removed the feather bed with which my predeces sor, Deacon Hayford, had bolstered up his administration by stuffing the window, and substituted glass. Finding nothing in the book of instructions to Postmasters which made the ieather bed a part of my official dutics, I filed it away in an obscure place and burned it in effigy, also, in the gloaming. This act maddened my predecessor to such a degree that he then and there became a candidate for Justice of the Peace on the Dem ocratic ticket. The Democratic par ty was able, however, with what sid it received from the Republicans, to plow the old man under to a great degree. It was not long after I had taken my official oath before an era of unexampled prosperity opened for the American people. The price of beef rose to a remarkable altitude, and other vegetables commanded a good figure and a ready market. We then begin to make active preparations for the iniroduction of the strawberry r ma two cent stamps and black and tan postal notes. One reform has grow led upon the heels of another, til today the country is upon the four crested wave of a permanent prosperity. Mr. President, I can not close this letter without thanking yourself and the heads of departments at Wash ington for your active. cheery and prompt co operation in these matters. You can do as you see fit, of course. about in corporating this idea into your Thanksgiving proclamation, but rest assured it would not be ill-timed or inopportune. It is not alone a credit to myself. It reflects credit

You will find the key under the door mat, and you had better turn, the cat out at night when you close the office. If she does not go read? ly you can make it clearer to her mind by throwing the canceling stamp at her.

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If Deacon Hayford does not pay up his box rent, you might as well put his mail in the general delivery, and when Bob Head gets drunk and insists on a letter from one of his wives every day in the week, you can situte him through the box delivery with an old Queen Anne tomahawk which you will find near the Etrucan water pail. This will not in any manner surprise either of these parties.

Tears are unavailing. 1 once more become a private citizen, clothed only with the right to read such postal cards as may be addressed to me personally and to curse the inefficiency of the Post Office Department. 1 may be in error as to the attributes of an American citizen, butI believe the above to be the most prominent. I believe the voting class to be divided into two parties, viz, those who are mad because they can not receive a registered letter every fifteen minutes of each day, jucluding Sun day.

Mr. Prsident, as an adlicial of this Government i now retire, . My term of office would not expire uatil 1886. I must therefore beg pardon for my eccentricity in retiring. It will be best, perleps, to keep my heartbreaking nows from the European powers until the dangers of a financial panic are fully past Then hurl it broadcast with a sickening thal. Very respectfully yours, BUL NYE. SORGHUM SUGAR IN OHIO.

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We want no lands except those with clear title which we must be allowed to examine.

¶Do not give extravagant descriptions of your lands. Let the purchaser be pleased rather than disappointed when he ex-

¶Do not put fancy prices on your land if you want to sell it. fish have been lost by weak dams and poorly protected ponds. We are now ready to treat of the. management of carp in the pond.

The Cash Principle for Newspapers.

The Salisbury Advertiser, quoting an article from the Baltimore Sun on the subject of cash payments for. advertising and subscriptions to the country papers, says:

"We are glad to receive commendation from the most successful and, all things considered, the best of Maryland newspapers. There is much that is true and well put in the Sun's remarks we quote in full. If the sub. scribers knewhow much more readable their county papers would be if the cash principle was strictly observed, we think they would not hesitate to adopt it. A well printed, well edited newspaper is the best advertisement any community can have, because it is the one agency that goes abroad to tell the story of progress or decline. Business men who fail to increase their own trade and the credit of their town by the legitimate use of advertisemen's are very selfish and oldfashioned. They eiteer depend on catching the trade that other men's advertising brings, or as they used to expect heavy profits on small sales to make money for them.

Carries's Soap for Brown Upper Leather

A good soap for currier's use on upper leather, says the Gerberzeiong. can be made as follows :

In twenty pounds of soft water dissolve two pounds of white curd scep, half a pound of para beef tallow, half a pound of hight resir, two bounds of glycerine, and half a pint train oil or vaseline. The scan cut in small strips to make it dissolve quickly, and put in half of the water and set over a gentle fire. As soon as the soap is dissolved add the tallow, and when it all begins to boil is in the resin. The latter is added slowly with constant stirring. After boiling rapidly fo: a while the mass is put into a stone crock and the glycerine stirred in, after this the train oil or vaseline, and finally the remainder of the water.

This soap is applied lukewarm,

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A correspondent of the Ohio Hur ner, conducting a sugar factory in the State, says :

"Not a single man that brought cane to our mill raised as much as one whole acre of it, generally wom one-eighth to one quarter of an acre, and they would have from one load to three or four good wagon loads of the cane; but over four fifths of them simply wanted molasses for cosking purposes. And but a small portion of it were they will ng should be cooked into sugar. Because we did not make more sugar was because we were not allowed to do so. Every gallon of good molasses made from matured cane, agreeable to the Stewart process, will granulate fully four pounds of sugar the first granulation. Estimates give 106 gallons per acre of sorghum molasses as the yield for Ohio. If this be true it would make fully four bundred pounds of dry sugar and seventy gallons of drainage molasses, worth from 35 to 45 cents per gallon at wholesale for coo ing purposes. We have sold every par ticle of our drainage molasses at 35 cents per gallon, and if the sugar is left in we sell it from 69 to 75 cents per gallon. No min can get as much money from an acre of land in corn as he can from sugar cane, if he lives close by a sugar factory. The aver. age worth per acre. if made into mo lasses alone, under the Stewart . process, would be over sixty dollars per acre; and if made into both augar and molasses it would come to fully seventy dollars per acre; besides this, the crop of cane seed if properly saved, cured and thrashed, the same as wheat, is worth half as much feeding purposes as the average acre of corn will yield in the same vicinity." And in mone places and upon any cirlumstances whereby you are able to raise a reasonable good crop of corn, sugar cane will do equally well in the same field. It is more work to cultivate it, because you should plant more hills to the acce : but you can hoe a hill of one just as easy as you can the other, and the cutting is just the same. If you save the cane leaves for fodder it makes more work, but the fodder fully pays for that. The cane seed can be thrashed as easy and exactly the same as wheat, and will yield over fitteen bushels per

